THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Hotel and Tourism industry is primarily a private sector activity. For augmenting investment in the tourism sector, foreign direct investment amounting to Rs. 48611.47 million has been approved by the Government in Hotel and Tourism Sector from August, 1991 to April, 2002.

(b) No target was fixed for the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

Poor working of ITDC Hotels

1477. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to State:

(a) whether the work of development and renovation of ITDC Hotels cannot be completed without budget support from the Ministry of Finance;

(b) if so, the amount required from the Ministry of Finance;

(c) whetehr the Ministry of Tourism and Culture is not able to generate funds from its hotels; and

(d) the reasons for poor working of ITDC hotels?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

Corruption in maintenance of historical places and institutions

†1478. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existence of historical places and institutions throughout the country is jeopardized due to lack of their proper maintenance as a result of corruption prevailing therein; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) (a) and (b) No, sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has 3606 centrally protected monuments in the country which are generally in a good state of preservation.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.